



## President's Message



Advocates for Change. TMBA Family... we are halfway through the year, can you believe it? So much has happened in the world but also in the TMBA and black legal community. We are so glad that things are starting to open up and are glad that we have been able to be part of the conversation regarding vaccinations within the Black Community. After the social justice movement began last year, our community and society as a whole is in transition and needs advocates to guide this transition. Society is longing for leaders to guide the transition that our nation so desperately needs.

TMBA is glad to be “Advocates for Change.” We have continued to lead through our presence in the community through education and in the community to have tough conversations! I hope that our membership is also up for the task to help us begin to bridge the gap between the public and legal system... we have some big news coming that will expand our pro bono efforts!

We have been able to host MCLE programming and get started on our plans to expand our scholarship opportunities to undergraduate, community college, and high school students in the coming months. We are excited about the second half of the year and the ability to have in-person membership meetings—look for that! We look forward to continuing to Reconnect. Reinvest. Rebuild with each of you!

Best,

Rebekah Thomas, Esq.

*Thurgood Marshall Bar Association President*

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## Juneteenth Scholarship Fundraiser

*Thurgood Marshall Bar Association Presents  
Juneteenth Scholarship Fundraiser*

**THE BURNING OF BLACK WALL STREET: THEN AND NOW  
1921-2021**



*Join TMBA for an insightful panel discussing the Tulsa Race Massacre and Greenwood Rising*

*~ 1.0 Hour MCLE Credit Provided by O'Melveny & Myers LLP ~*

*Support TMBA's Law Student Scholarship Program  
Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code  
Or visit: [www.thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org](http://www.thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org)*



**When:** June 17, 2021 at 12:00 PM PT

**Where:** Zoom [<https://zoom.us/j/4597771233>; Meeting ID: 459 777 1233]

**Panelists:** **Hannibal B. Johnson**  
*Author, Attorney & Consultant*

**Calah McQuarters**  
*TRMCC Representative*

**Daniel J. Alexander, II**  
*Attorney & UCI Law Lecturer*



**Moderator:** *TMBA President-Elect Hollie Washington, Associate, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP*

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Thank you to our program sponsors: Crowell & Moring, O'Melveny, and

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## Here's What We're Watching for Juneteenth

[The massacre of Tulsa's Black Wall Street featuring our Juneteenth panelist, Hannibal B. Johnson.](#)

[Part 1, The Legacy of Black Wall Street.](#)

[Black Wall Street \(1992\) | A Black Holocaust In America.](#)

[Black Tulsans Work to Rebuild Black Wall Street Decades After Massacre.](#)

[To Understand the Story of Black Wall Street, Go Back to the Trail of Tears.](#)

[Dreamland: The Burning of Black Wall Street.](#)

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## Congratulations Corner



**JUNE SPOTLIGHT ON MICHELE BELL**

TMBA member and former Board Member **Michele Bell** has been appointed to be the next **OC Superior Court Commissioner**.

Michele has been with the OC Public Defender's office for almost 14 years and is currently a trial attorney assigned to the Felony Panel Trial Team.

Congratulations Michele and thank you for your continual service to Orange County and TMBA.

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## Law Student Corner



**TMBA wants to congratulate  
all of our  
2021 Law School Graduates**

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## TMBA Law Student Ambassadors

TMBA strives to partner with law students to provide mentorship and engage and connect them with TMBA and the legal community. Each year, TMBA selects a student from each Orange County law school to actively participate and attend TMBA events and serve as a liaison for their respective schools to promote TMBA events and its mission. Each recipient will also be awarded a scholarship to use toward academic expenses. The LSAs selected showed a commitment to promoting diversity, community outreach, and leadership at their school.

We are pleased to introduce the 2021-2022 TMBA Law School Ambassadors! We will spotlight a different LSA in the coming newsletters. If you have an interest in connecting with any of the LSAs to provide further mentorship or other resources, please email [info@thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org](mailto:info@thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org)

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## June's Featured Law Student Ambassador



### **CLINT JONES**

Dale E. Fowler School of Law

*J.D. Candidate 2022*

[Read Clint's Bio](#)

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## Affiliate Events

ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
Diversity & Inclusion Committee Presents

LIVE WEBINAR  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021 • 12:00PM  
Complimentary Program

# WHAT WE WISH WE KNEW

A moderated panel discussion featuring a diverse group of experienced attorneys sharing what they wish they knew when they began their legal careers. They will share their experiences, the obstacles they faced and overcame to ascend in the legal profession, and will offer practical tips and advice on how to embrace diversity and thrive in the legal profession.

Register at [ocbar.org](https://ocbar.org)

Advance registration required. For assistance, please contact the OCBA at [info@ocbar.org](mailto:info@ocbar.org).

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PANELISTS

**Charles Lin**  
OCAABA President 2020-2021 and Partner  
Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP

**Michelle Fujimoto**  
Partner  
Stook, Henry & Bacon LLP

**Ebrahim Baytieh**  
Senior Assistant District Attorney  
Orange County District Attorney's Office

MODERATOR:  
**Janani Rana**  
Migard Marra LLP

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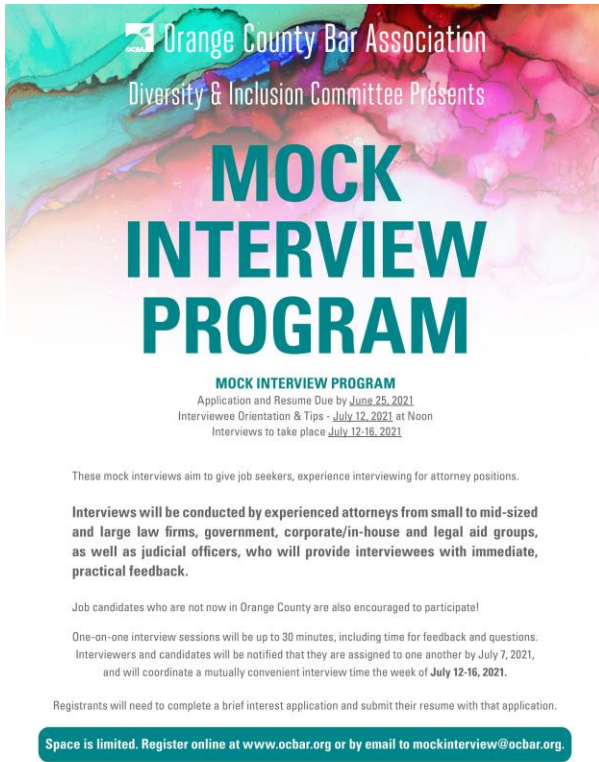
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TMBA is a co-sponsor of this program.

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## MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM

*Presented by the OCBA Diversity & Inclusion Committee*

These mock interviews aim to give job seekers experience interviewing for attorney positions.

Interviews will be conducted by experienced attorneys from small to mid-sized and large law firms, government, corporate/in-house and legal aid groups, as well as judicial officers, who will provide interviewees with immediate, practical feedback.

Application and resume due by June 25,

2021.

Interviewee orientation and tips - July 12, 2021, at noon.

Interviews take place July 12-16, 2021.

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Interviewers Please RSVP by June 25, 2021  
Interviewer Orientation July 6, 2021 at Noon  
Interviews to take place July 12-16, 2021

Volunteers needed to conduct virtual mock interviews with law students. This program will provide job seekers—and those just looking to brush up their interviewing skills—with valuable interviewing practice. Attendees will also receive tips and feedback to enhance their interviewing skills.

**Interviews will be conducted by experienced, attorneys from large law firms, small to mid-sized firms, government, corporations and legal aid groups as well as judicial officers.**

One-on-one interview sessions will be up to 30 minutes, including time for feedback and questions. Interviewers and candidates will be notified that they are assigned to one another by July 7, 2021, and will coordinate a mutually convenient interview time the week of July 12-16, 2021.

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Space is limited. Register online at [www.ocbar.org](http://www.ocbar.org) or by email to [mockinterview@ocbar.org](mailto:mockinterview@ocbar.org).

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## Past MCLE Events



**THURGOOD MARSHALL BAR ASSOCIATION**

**JUSTICE SERIES:  
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**



**Patient Rights & Responsibilities**  
*Presented by Yemi Adeyanju, Esq.*  
~ 1.0 Hour MCLE Credit Provided by O'Melveny & Myers LLP ~

**LIVE WEBCAST**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 8 | 6:00 – 7:00PM (PT)**

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3xXwvUA>  
(Note the link is cAse-senSitive)

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## Job Opportunities



Check out the exciting new positions we've just posted on our [website's job corner](#).

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**Our Mission Statement:**

*Thurgood Marshall Bar Association is a contemporary bar association committed to connect, support, and increase the Black legal community in Orange County. TMBA strives to promote diversity, professional improvement, and the advancement of justice through positive community involvement and excellence in the practice of law for the Black legal community, allies, and the community at large.*